(b) The National Transport Policy Committee had recommended the following five roads in Madhya Pradesh for declaration as National Highways. These roads have since been declared as National Highways.

Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Rewa
Nagpur-Obaidullaganj (to Bhopal)
Katni-Shahdol-Ambikapur-Gumla
Ahmedabad-Indore-Dewas-Bhopal
Jaipur-Kola-Biaora (to Bhopal)

(c) During the year 2001 -2002, two proposals of Inter-State connectivity had been accorded 'in-principle' approval for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Detailed estimate for one proposal amounting to Rs. 6.98 crore has been sanctioned. The detailed estimate for the other proposal is awaited from the State. For the year 2002-2003, no proposal has been received from the State Government for approval under Inter-State connectivity.

Rest Houses on National Highways

†292. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct Rest Houses on National Highways.

(b) if so. whether construction of the same is also being considered on the highways crossing Gujarat;

(c) if so. the number of the Rest Houses likely to be constructed during the current year alongwith the locations thereof: and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Government has a policy that passenger-oriented way-side amenities including Rest Houses should be available along National Highways at even' 50 kilometre intervals.

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(b) to '(d) Presently, two number of rest areas at kilometre 23 and 79 of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway project in Gujarat are proposed to be constructed.

Four lane road between Durg and Raipur

†293. SHRI JHUMIK LAL BHENDIA : Will ihe Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time-frame fixed for completion of four lane road between Durg and Raipur at National Highway. No. 6 togetherwith the cost likely to be incurred thereon;

(b) whether the ban on cutting of trees in this area has been removed;

(c) if so. the number of trees identified for felling to finalise this \»prk; and

(d) whether there is'any plan to move a campaign for replantation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDU] : (a) According to the present position, the four Inning of Durg—Raipur section is targeted to be completed by December. 2005. Likely cost of the project is Rs. 50 crores excluding Interest During Construction (IDC).

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) 2308 nos.

(d) Yes. Sir.

Construction of road in Pauri Gharwal, Uttaranchal

294. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government propose to construct a road li'nking Satpuli-Vyaschntti with Allasu and near by villages in Kaljikhal block. Pauri Gharwal. Uttaranchal; .

(b) if so. 4he details of the progress made so far;

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